Mountain Weather Forecast

South Grampian and Southeast Highlands

Including South and East Cairngorms National Park, Aberdeenshire and Angus Hills, Ben Vrackie, Ben Lawers, Loch Tay and Ochils
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 26 Dec 2020 until 23:59 on Sunday 27 Dec 2020

Forecast Issued on Friday 25 Dec 2020 at 15:39 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Low confidence for extent of drier conditions on Saturday morning. High confidence for cold and occasionally showery weather from Sunday onwards, but low for daily detail.

Headline for Saturday 26 Dec 2020: Mostly dry in the morning, rain and snow by afternoon. Very windy.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 26 Dec 2020

Blizzards Low Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** High Likelihood	**Storm force winds** Medium Likelihood
Gales High Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Light snow	Cloudy	Cloudy	Light snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow
Precipitation probability							
20%	20%	20%	20%	30%	70%	80%	80%

Forecast for Saturday 26 Dec 2020

Weather: Cloudy and mostly dry in the morning, although some patchy rain possible over the Perthshire hills and southern Cairngorms, this falling as snow above 800 metres. Rain turning persistent, heavy and more widespread in the afternoon with snow falling above 800 metres. The Aberdeenshire hills hanging on to some drier conditions until dusk.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Some breaks across Deeside, otherwise a lot of low cloud between 600 and 800 metres.

Visibility: Rather poor in rain and snow, otherwise good.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1100	31/39 SW	41/52 SW	43/54 SW	46/58 SW	55/71 SW	50/66 SW	48/63 SW	41/54 SW	32/44 SW
900	22/29 SW	30/40 SW	32/43 SW	33/45 SW	40/56 SW	38/54 SW	35/50 SW	29/43 SW	24/36 SW
600	13/24 W	21/36 W	21/38 SW	22/40 SW	27/49 SW	27/48 SW	24/44 SW	21/39 SW	17/32 SW
300	7/16 SW	10/23 SW	10/25 SW	14/31 SW	18/37 SW	20/43 SW	19/40 SW	16/34 SW	12/26 SW
Glen	9/21 W	11/24 SW	11/24 SW	13/27 SW	15/32 SW	20/41 SW	19/39 SW	17/34 SW	12/26 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1100	-3/-11	-3/-13	-2/-12	-2/-12	-2/-13	-2/-13	-3/-13	-3/-13	-4/-13
900	-1/-8	-1/-9	-0/-9	-0/-9	-0/-9	-0/-9	-1/-10	-1/-10	-2/-10
600	2/-3	2/-4	2/-5	2/-5	2/-5	1/-6	1/-6	0/-6	0/-6
300	4/1	4/0	4/0	4/-0	4/-0	4/-2	3/-2	3/-2	2/-2
Glen	4/1	4/1	5/1	5/1	6/2	5/-0	4/-2	4/-1	3/-1
Freezing Level*	800m	800m	800m	800m	900m	800m	700m	700m	600m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Hazardous winter conditions developing across summits as snow sets in from the west through the afternoon. Gusts to 80 mph possible over the Cairngorm Plateau.

Forecast for Sunday 27 Dec 2020

Weather: Mainly dry with some good spells of sunshine, chance of a brief snow shower especially in the morning. Surfaces are expected to be icy following Saturday's rain at lower elevations.

Maximum wind: Southwesterly winds gusting to around 30 mph on the higher tops

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 80%. Cloud lowering to 650 metres as showers pass by, otherwise summits mostly cloud free especially in the northeast.

Visibility: Generally very good with good air clarity.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 2 rising to plus 2 Celsius
At 800m: Minus 2 Celsius
Freezing level: 400 metres or less

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